

Philip Sharples House
400 South Church Street (southwest corner
of Church and Dean Streets)
West Chester Borough
Chester County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-164

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20243

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Chester	TOWN OR VICINITY West Chester Borough
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Philip Sharples House (He bought property from his father in 1838)		HABS NO. PA-164
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 400 South Church Street (southwest corner of Church and Dean Streets)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1838	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Large house with fine Doric porch and Greek Revival details.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival details		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick supplied by Sharples brick yards in West Chester.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) L-shaped; main block approx. 33' (four-bay front) x 32' (four bays) with kitchen ell to west (approx. 45' x 15'); three-and-a-half-story main section with two-story wing.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The house has a pedimented south (front) gable end; one-story Doric porch across the south elevation and part of the east elevation. Openings, cornice and chimneys all seem original.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Interior not accessible.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Very few exterior alterations. A brick and frame ell was added in the reentrant angle and a one-story brick addition was built to the west of the ells.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Philip Sharples died in 1901, his executor sold to Charlotte M. Wain in 1924, who sold to A.G. Neville, who sold to Fisher Boyd in 1948, who sold to Claude Rains in 1958.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) West Chester Past and Present, published by Daily Local News, West Chester, Pa., 1899, p. 8 Gilbert Cope, <u>Genealogy of the Sharpless Family</u> , Dando Printing Co., Philadelphia, 1887. Files in the Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, Pa.		
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